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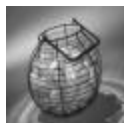
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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to Last Friday. Elsewhere, weekly prices were unchanged on larger sizes and lower on mediums. The market tone was mostly steady to barely steady. Retail and distributive demand was light to occasionally fairly good. Supplies of the larger sizes were adequate while mediums were adequate to at times ample for current needs. Breaking stock offerings were adequate for heavier weights and fully adequate to ample for lighter weights. Demand was noted as light to moderate. Light type hens fully sufficient for the light to fair at best demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Prices to producers were unchanged with store door and warehouse prices lower for mediums and unchanged on the balance of sizes. Trade sentiment was mostly steady for the larger sizes and barely steady for mediums. Cartoned egg sales were fair to fairly good with loose egg demand moderate at best. Supplies were adequate for the larger sizes and ample for mediums. Central States breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to higher. Heavy breaking stock offerings were adequate with lighter shell egg offerings fully adequate to ample. Demand was light to moderate. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI-Prices paid to producers.	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	54-63	57-60	LARGE	35-44	39
LARGE	53-62	55-58	MEDIUM	9-15	13
MEDIUM	27-36	29-32	SMALL	7-11	

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY, and Western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were lower on medium, however extra large and large were unchanged when compared to the previous week's prices. Trade sentiment entering the week was usually steady with caution noted. Retail and distributive demand ranged light to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to ample for needs. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for reduced to heavy processing schedules. Light type hens were fully adequate for the light to fair at best demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	60-79	65-68
LARGE	54-68	59-63
MEDIUM	30-43	35-37

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices on larger sizes were unchanged, mediums 2 cents lower. Trade sentiment steady to instances barely steady on larger sizes, barely steady on mediums. Retail demand moderate to fairly good with attractive features upcoming. Food service movement generally moderate. Supplies of larger sizes adequate, mediums adequate to fully adequate. Breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to higher. Heavy breaking stock offers adequate with lighter weight offers fully adequate to ample. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	68.5-77	70-73
LARGE	61.5-70	63-66
MEDIUM	33.5-42	35-39

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, and TX

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were generally unchanged on larger sizes and lower on mediums when compared to the previous week's values. The market tone was steady to barely steady. Retail and distributive demand was light to mostly moderate. Supplies were sufficient to available. Breaking stock offerings were adequate for a light to moderate demand. Light type hens were fully adequate for the light to fair at best demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	63.5-71	65-68
LARGE	62-69	63-66
MEDIUM	32.5-40	33-37

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to last Friday's values. Trade sentiment entering the week was at best steady. Demand was mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for current trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	68-72
LARGE	66-70
MEDIUM	42-46

## MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	61-69	62-64
LARGE	59-67	60-62
MEDIUM	33-41	34-36

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

**WESTERN** Prices unchanged on jumbo, extra large and large, 4 cents lower on medium. The Pacific region inventory was unchanged from last Monday with California down 2% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 5%. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings easily adequate.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices unchanged on jumbo, extra large and large, 4 cents lower on medium and small. The California inventory was 2% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand light. Offerings fully adequate. Small benchmark price 52.

Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	128
EXTRA LARGE	113
LARGE	100
MEDIUM	72

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	279-329	JUMBO	
LARGE	249-299	EXTRA LARGE	NOT
LARGE	199-239	LARGE	AVAILABLE
MEDIUM	189-195	MEDIUM	

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending August 18, 2006 will increase by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending August 11, 2006 were 340,253 cases which was 3 percent above the prior week and 4 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	285,778	54,475	340,253
% change from the prior week.....	+6	-11	+3

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to higher. Heavy breaking stock offerings were adequate with lighter shell egg offerings fully adequate to ample. Demand was light to moderate. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	29-32.5	29-30
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	16-23	16-18
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading levels were lower compared to the past week. Demand was light for ample offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Dressed sales were slow. Trade sentiment was weak.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\*  
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 14-AUG-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	2-8 CENTS/LB.		5.31

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN** Prices were unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was light to fair at best and generally unaggressive for the fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as normal to instances heavy. Sales of finished product was light to fair. The undertone was no better than steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\*  
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 14-AUG-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	2-8 CENTS/LB.		5.00
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

# WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- AUGUST 14, 2006

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		(SO DOWN CASES IN THOUSANDS)					
			NO	SO	SO		5-Area
	Northeast		CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	5.5	12.8	5.3	9.6	11.8	45.0
	Change	-0.5	1.9	0.1	0.3	1.4	8%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	17.1	46.1	12.5	19.0	41.0	135.7
	Change	-2.7	9.1	0.3	-2.3	1.8	5%
Large	Curr Wk	36.5	122.2	62.0	82.7	114.1	417.5
	Change	-10.8	-4.0	1.6	-5.3	-0.3	-4%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.9	76.7	28.1	29.7	38.0	185.4
	Change	-1.2	2.3	0.0	1.5	-4.7	-1%
Small	Curr Wk	4.8	10.5	1.4	7.0	3.8	27.5
	Change	0.6	2.4	-0.8	2.0	-0.1	18%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.1	55.3	8.8	29.5	4.0	100.7
	Change	-0.4	2.3	0.7	15.4	-2.1	19%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	12.8	59.5	16.1	24.2	28.5	141.1
	Change	-1.5	-7.2	6.7	-1.8	4.6	1%
Total Percent	Curr Wk	92.7	383.1	134.2	201.7	241.2	1052.9
	Change	-15%	2%	7%	5%	0%	1%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
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Shell Egg	1052.9	1%	166
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	257.7	6%	35

Total Shell Egg	1310.6	2%	201
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1/ Information supplied by a universe of 166 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT  
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI  
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX  
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV  
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

**CANADIAN EGGS** QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES- GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 31, 2006

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.91	1.88	1.79	1.18

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF JULY 31, 2006 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.46	1.46	1.36	.77

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR AUG 11, 2006

CURRENT LOADS							22.00	FUTURE LOADS							9.25	TOTAL LOADS							31.25
SE			NE		MW				SC			NW		SW									
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS								
GNR W 1	37.50	—	37.50	39.50	—	—	2.00	GNR W 1	39.00	44.00	—	—	—	—	1.00								
GL W XL	—	57.00	—	54.00	48.44	—	5.25	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	63.80	1.25								
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	39.29	53.00	12.00	GL W LG	—	51.25	—	—	—	52.94	10.00								
GL W MD	—	—	22.50	25.00	—	—	1.25	GL W MD	20.00	—	—	—	—	28.00	1.00								
GL W SM	—	—	22.00	24.50	—	—	1.00	GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	47.00	50.00	.75								
NRBS - 39	—	—	18.00	20.00	—	—	1.00	NRBS - 48	30.50	32.50	—	—	—	—	6.00								

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 07/07/06-08/11/06

CURRENT LOADS								116.25	FUTURE LOADS								34.75	TOTAL LOADS								151.00
SE				NE				MW				SC				NW				SW						
CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST			ORG	DST			LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST		ORG	DST			ORG	DST			LOADS	
GNR W 1	36.83	—		37.63	39.90	—	—	—	—	—	—	12.00	GNR W 1	39.00	44.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00	
GNR BR 1	48.00	52.00		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	.75	GL W J	61.70	72.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	71.11	—	—	5.75	
GL W XL	51.00	57.00		52.67	56.70	49.21	52.00	27.50					GL W XL	48.00	55.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	60.74	—	—	6.25	
GL W LG	—	57.63		42.14	51.00	40.67	53.00	45.00					GL W LG	36.25	50.42	—	58.60	—	—	—	—	55.06	—	—	37.50	
GL W MD	29.00	29.50		22.88	26.00	20.14	22.66	18.75					GL W MD	21.07	23.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	28.75	—	—	8.50	
GL W SM	24.33	27.33		22.96	25.50	20.00	23.00	13.00					GL W SM	14.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18.00	—	—	1.00	
GL BR LG	—	—		40.00	—	43.00	—	2.25					GL BR LG	—	56.00	—	57.00	—	—	—	—	44.71	47.71	—	4.00	
GL BR MD	—	—		33.75	38.00	—	38.00	2.00					NRBS - 48	30.50	32.50	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6.00	
NRBS - 48	27.00	28.00		—	29.00	—	31.50	17.00					NRBS - 36	12.00	15.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	
NRBS - 45	—	—		—	—	—	30.33	6.00																		
NRBS - 42	17.00	—		—	—	—	—	7.00																		
NRBS - 39	—	—		18.00	20.00	—	—	1.00																		

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	08/07/06	07/31/06	08/08/05
PACIFIC COAST	140	97	243
LOS ANGELES	137	94	238

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS** The market is lower on medium, steady on the balance. Supplies are adequate to meet a fair retail demand. PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MOSTLY	
EXTRA LARGE	83.86
LARGE	79.86
MEDIUM	50.86
SMALL	45.00

**CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS**

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 – 261	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 – 151	130 - 134
Large doz.	217 – 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 – 142	125 - 128

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## Out Of State Eggs - State Compilation

Report Period: 8/06/2006 - 8/12/2006

State	Number Cases Shipped To Northern CA	Number Cases Shipped To Central CA	Number Cases Shipped To Southern CA	Total State
Arizona	0	0	802	802
Arkansas	0	263	0	263
Colorado	0	0	3,324	3,324
Illinois	345	0	0	345
Indiana	0	1,620	0	1,620
Iowa	6,850	7,730	42,484	57,064
Maine	0	0	2,450	2,450
Michigan	0	3,337	3,885	7,222
Minnesota	7,475	920	10,346	18,741
Missouri	0	0	7,155	7,155
Nevada	0	0	780	780
North Carolina	0	2,395	2,265	4,660
Ohio	0	1,620	2,460	4,080
Oregon	3,545	1,260	0	4,805
Texas	0	0	1,790	1,790
Utah	903	1,490	4,670	7,063
Washington	4,222	763	0	4,985
Wisconsin	0	930	776	1,706
<b>Grand Total</b>	23,340	22,328	83,187	128,855
<b>SHIPPED TO MILITARY</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>SHIPPED TO NON-MILITARY</b>	23,340	22,328	83,187	128,855